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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

USER-ADJUSTABLE VOLUME CONTROL THAT ACCOMMODATES HEARING (As Amended in the International Search Phase) the specification of which was filed on April 14, 1999 as PCT Application No. PCT/US99/08055.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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<u>Appl. Serial No./Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
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<u>U.S. / PCT Appl. Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status/ Patent No.</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
PCT/US99/08055	April 14, 1999	Pending	Yes
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09/059,307	April 14, 1998	Abandoned	Yes
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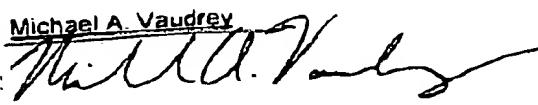
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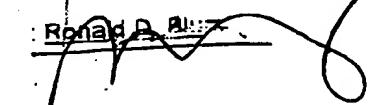
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